

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6 (underneath the title) insert –
Background of the Invention –;

Page 2, before Line 1 insert – Summary of the Invention –;

revise lines 6-19 to read as follows:

– According to this invention, the purpose is achieved through a combination of the characteristics of Claim 1 a system for the transportation of construction machines, preferably excavators, with a front subassembly used for coupling to a tractor vehicle and a rear subassembly, where the construction machine itself is joined together into a single transportation unit with the front subassembly and the rear subassembly. Accordingly, a system is created for the transportation of construction machines, preferably excavators, with a front subassembly, which can be coupled to a tractor vehicle, and a rear subassembly, whereby the construction machine itself can be coupled to the front and rear subassemblies to form a single transportation unit. This clearly dispenses with the need for the usual loading platform on a deep loader. The framework of the construction machine itself replaces the loading platform. By means of coupling devices suitably arranged on the front and rear subassemblies, the entire system can be joined together into a single transportation unit.

Advantageous embodiments of the invention are also expressed herein in the sub-claims following the main claim.

According to the sub-claims, the The front subassembly and/or rear subassembly may include truck-type undercarriages with one or more axles. The choice of the number of axles depends on the total weight of the construction machine to be coupled.-;

Page 3, revise lines 6-15 to read as follows:

- A modular system of the transportation system is also expressed herein by sub-claims 6 through 8. In this case, instead of the construction machine, an intermediate part that forms a loading platform can be connected. The intermediate part may be, for example, a high-bed for a platform low loader or a low-bed for that type of platform low loader. This results in a modular system with a variable mode of using the transportation system. Thus, the front and rear subassembly may be coupled directly to the construction machine in order to transport it. Alternatively, the front subassembly and rear subassembly may also be combined with the usual high-bed or low-bed of a platform loader, in order to perform other transportation functions. Depending on the type of transportation, front or rear subassemblies with one or more of axles may be selected.

Brief Description of the Drawings -; and

Page 4, before line 1 insert – Description of Preferred Embodiments